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Naval siege against Iran, .S. warns

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — United States is ready to take non-military action such as a naval blockade against Iran if American hostages are put on trial or brought before a tribunal. The White House, in a formal statement Tuesday, warned Iran it faced grave if it publicly humiliated the hostages and ended the crisis that began when students at the U.S. embassy in Tehran Nov. 4. After the statement, reporters were told that the United States was prepared to military action — but would not shed a tear if the hostages were put on trial. It was emphasized that a naval blockade is only one form of non-violent military action being considered by President Jimmy Carter as a possible response if Iran ahead with action the United States has said it must not take.

The White House believes a naval blockade could effectively disrupt Iran's imports through the Gulf. There were indications that Carter was also of economic sanctions to be imposed by the United States alone or through national action if the United Nations Security Council agreed.

The White House press secretary Jody Powell said a hint that decisions had been made and will be carried out if the hostages were put on trial brought before a tribunal.

The U.S. government would consider use of hostages as witnesses in an investigation.

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On development

Algosaibi meets Saudi consultants

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 19 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi Wednesday met with owners of Saudi Arabian consulting firms to discuss the newly established Saudi Consulting House.

He welcomed its cooperation with them and explained what the House will do in engineering industry and training according to SPA.

A permanent committee comprising representatives of the House and other consulting firms was formed during the meeting. The SCH will act as any other consulting firm, bidding for work in international competition and enjoying no preferential treatment, according to its Director of Public Relations Mahmoud Qutub.

Speaking to *Saudi Business* recently Qutub said the House has a comprehensive mandate. It will carry out feasibility studies for all aspects of industrial projects, design and consultancy studies, legal consulting, marketing studies, technical and management services and supervision of private and government works of virtually any size.

The firm came into being at the beginning of June to replace the Industrial Studies and Development Center a branch of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity charged with supporting

Mass closure**of cafes ordered**

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — A health inspection has led to the closure of all restaurants in Somalia district by the University here. *Al-Bilad* reported Wednesday that the restaurants were ordered closed immediately because they either did not have a license from the municipality or their waiters did not have health cards. Health requirements set out by the municipality were also not respected.

The inspection committee confiscated a large quantity of unsafe canned food and destroyed utensils unfit for using for cooking. A total of seven restaurants, three grocer shops and a cafe were ordered closed for ten days in the same district.

development of industry in the Kingdom.

Dr. Algosaibi said the House was established to train a large number of young men in engineering and other consultancies to help development.

Since foreign consultants did not always take into consideration the traditions and customs of this country, the government decided to take it upon itself to play a role, he said.

He invited proposals for activities from consulting firms, which he promised to study carefully. The committee will be the link between the House and the firms.

With a far wider function than the ISDC, the House has been formally divorced from the government. Hussein Abuthir, the deputy vice-president for engineering, says that the only formal link it will have with the state is that Dr. Algosaibi is chairman of the board.

The government holds all of the SR165 million capital of the firm, although after three years half the shares will be offered to private investors.

Two American firms have been taken on to assist the House, on an initial five-year contract. The Arthur D. Little Company will be responsible for industrial feasibility studies and developing the House's manpower, and the Leo A. Daly Company will help with engineering designs.

As much work as possible will be done in the Kingdom but when neither the House's own staff nor the American companies can handle a particular job, it may be contracted out to others in whole or part.

Abuthir said that the House is probably the largest consultancy company working in the country, bigger than the operations of major Western firms here. It is big, he said, so that a comprehensive service may be offered.

There is no truth to what some prejudiced foreign media are saying about occupying the oil fields, he said. "There is nothing to warrant such matters being discussed."

He said the Kingdom was continuing a process of diversifying sources of arms. He welcomed any constructive cooperation that served Arab and Muslim interests.



GOODBYE: Foreign Affairs Ministry officials, including Salem Sumbul, the chief of protocol, say goodbye to South Korean Ambassador Yangsoo Yoo at a party given in his honor.

'No interference necessary'**Gulf will defend itself, Sultan says**

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan has said the Gulf states will not permit any foreign intervention to capture the region's resources.

Speaking to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper Wednesday, he said they will oppose any attempt to interfere in their internal affairs or encroach upon their sovereignty, whatever the form that intervention might take.

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the world, as well as one of the least troubled ones."

Asked about a recent arms purchase agreements with the United States, Prince Sultan said it was one of a series of deals aimed at strengthening the Saudi Arabian armed forces which the country is concluding with friendly Western states.

The announcement of the deal was a result of an American decision to approve it, he said, expressing satisfaction with American cooperation with the Kingdom.

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APICORP board meets in Alkhobar on March 5

ALKHOBAR, Dec. 19 (SPA) — The board of directors of the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation will hold its fifth meeting in the company's headquarters, here on March 5. Sheikh Jamal Hassan Jawah, chairman of the company and the representative of the Kingdom, will preside.

The board held its fourth meeting at the Kuwait headquarters of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries Nov. 29. The board has agreed to finance petroleum projects worth

\$700 million in Bahrain, Oman, and Morocco. It also took 20 per cent of the capital of the Arab Company for Drilling and Maintaining Petroleum Wells.

The company was founded by APICORP and the Arab Petroleum Services Company of OAPEC. Its capital was \$42 million.

The company has widened its participation in petroleum projects to include ventures in man-made fiber, plastics and insecticide manufacturing.

He said the now defunct Arab Organization for Industrialization is in the process of being dismantled. As soon as that is completed a new Arab arms industry organization will be set up, whenever and wherever the Arabs decide.

The AOI was set up after the 1973 War as a joint venture between Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates to provide self-sufficiency in armaments. After the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty this year, though, the organization was suspended and later dissolved. Prince Sultan has spoken of setting up a Gulf arms manufacturing body along the same lines.

Applications are to be presented to the General Directorate for Regulations and Programming of the Ministry of the Interior in Riyadh before Jan. 15.

Successful candidates will attend a three month qualifying session in Riyadh.

Riyadh University has meanwhile agreed to a proposal from the Faculty of Higher Studies that students sent abroad to study foreign languages be treated as assistant lecturers abroad. The courses last between 16 and 32 weeks, and one year for students who hold doctorates.

They will also be allowed to carry research, handle manuscripts and carry out field studies.

Meanwhile, the Education Directorate of the Eastern Pro-

WEATHER

It will be unsettled in the north-eastern, eastern and central regions, with possibly scattered rain. There will be a drop in temperature in those areas.

Cloud will cover the northern and southern regions. There might be scattered thunderstorms. Sky will be cloudy to partly cloudy in the western region.

Winds will be northerly to north-westerly and moderate. They will be active in the north-eastern, eastern and central regions, causing sand storms.

Seas will be moderate.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Jeddah	27	22	Wajh	21	18
Riyadh	23	10	Turaif	10	03
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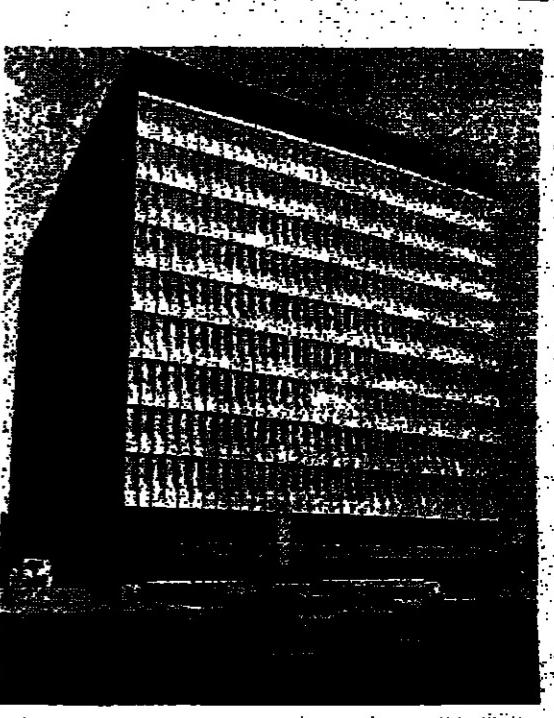
is organizing a Scout training

session for 25,536 students at an estimated cost of SR851,121. They will be held in scout camps in Dammam, Sayhat, Qatif, Rahima, Al Khobar and Tarot.

The courses involve camping, trips, public service, competitions, cultural and sport activities, hold

seminars and lectures, training in electricity, plumbing, photography and other activities.

It was also reported Wednesday that an Arab doctor in the Kingdom's hospital in Kharij is teaching 46 Filipino nurses Arabic, to enable them converse with patients and Arab colleagues.

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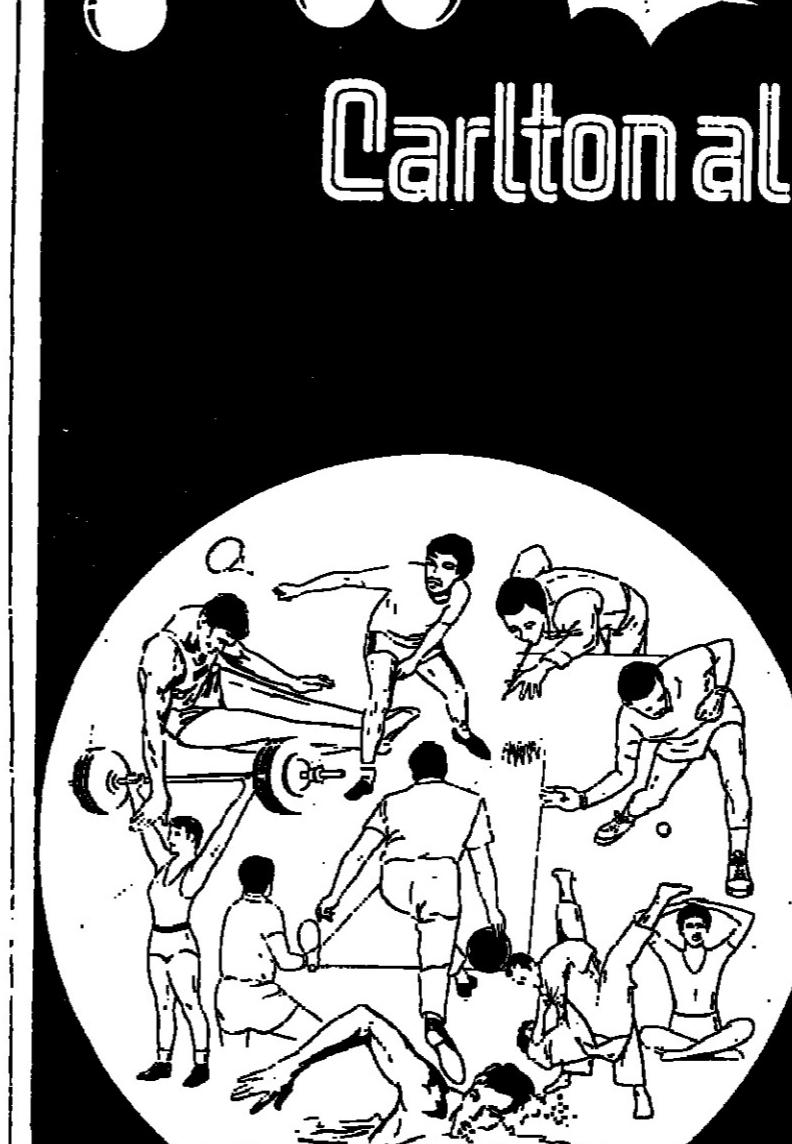
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Need for training stressed

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — The Council of the Civil Service has requested the Public Personnel Bureau to study the position of Saudi Arabian women who have taught for long time and cannot continue their education because of their careers.

Abdul Rahman Muhammad Al-Sarhan, the general secretary of the council, said after a meeting Tuesday that lack of qualifications has prevented some women teachers from being promoted to higher posts in education.

The meeting discussed the importance of further training, and said it was an essential part of my career. It has advantages both a better performance on the job and more experience for the employee.

Employees who have served for long time tended not to take opportunities for training, particularly those older. Sarhan emphasized that they should get more experience and improve their qualifications.

The council agreed to appoint Ahmad Abdul Aziz Al-Lieb to the 1st grade in the Ministry of Health, and Issa Munir Al-Barak to the post of the general director of the Office of the Chairman of the Public Personnel Bureau in the 13th grade. Shaker Abdullah Al-Shihri was appointed director of the Public Control Bureau, in the 12th grade.

Miteb awards surfacing deal

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb, who is also an acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, Wednesday signed a SR4.5 million contract with a Saudi Arabian firm for the resurfacing of a number of streets at uqra.

Riyadh information talks will seek common stand

MANAMA, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Bahraini Minister of Information Ali Al-Muayad said Wednesday that meetings of Gulf ministers of information that begin in Riyadh Saturday will lay out a strategy to oppose what he said is foreign press intimidation against the Gulf region. Muayad told "Akhbar Al-



NATIONAL DAY: The embassy of Bahrain celebrated its country's national day at a reception at the Kandara Palace Hotel this week. From right to left are the ambassadors of Qatar and Oman, the Bahrain charge d'affaires, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the head of Foreign Ministry Protocol and the ambassadors of Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

(Photo by Mohamed Hisham)

Miteb announces

More martyrs' donations received

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb, in his capacity as the head of the welfare fund created to help families of the martyrs of the Holy Haram, has announced the receipt of donations ranging from SR1 million to SR5.

By Aba Al-Khalil

Medina Sheraton opened

RIYADH, Dec. 19 — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil formally opened the Sheraton hotel in Medina Wednesday. It is the most recent in the company's chain across the country.

Sheikh Muhammad cut the ribbon at a ceremony attended by John Kapiolatas, president of Sheraton, and other dignitaries. Sheikh Saad Al-Nasser Al-Sudairi, deputy governor of Medina, was also present.

The hotel has 250 rooms, of which eight are royal suites and 24

regular suites. It cost more than SR400 million to build. It is owned by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy and managed by Sheraton.

centers and hospitals. The dearth of technically trained people is forcing the government to hire foreign personnel.

But this is not so easy to do, as since the Public Personnel Bureau insists on hiring local hands as much as possible by advertising any vacancy twice.

Only if no applicants are there available will permission be granted to hire foreigners.

This is understandable in order to promote the employment of Saudi Arabian personnel. But we also know that Saudi Arabian workers are increasingly attracted to the private sector, which makes it difficult for government departments to get what they want.

I suggest that the commission should make clear what jobs cannot be filled by foreigners except by advertising their vacancies twice, including administrative, typing and some technical jobs. For those many Saudi Arabeans are available.

This will remove the absurdity of having to advertise every vacancy twice. It means a lot of wasted time and delay to the dedication of vital projects.

Saudi Comment

By Abdul Wahab Al-Dawood
Al-Riyadh

There is no question but that we need a large number of foreign workers of all kinds, especially skilled. They help us carry out our development projects all over the country and in many fields. They contribute to our overall plan for a developed society. But there are obviously some negative aspects about their presence here.

These include the sharp differences between our way of life and traditions and their customs and attitudes.

But we shall continue to need their help for some time. That is a fact because many of our people refuse to learn and practise some of the skilled professions, as if they believe they are above of them, as if they are unworthy of men of their caliber. This is made worse by the sparse population of this country and the absence of a solid base of technical expertise.

These are some of the reasons for the delay in opening and operating some projects like training

Riyadh U to establish nursery to further curative plant studies

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Riyadh University is to grow plants with uses in medicine in Dirriyah. The nursery, the first of its kind in Saudi Arabia, will supply plants to the Medical Plant Research Center at the university.

The center believes that a quarter of plants indigenous to the Kingdom have a beneficial effect on cancer, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Mishal, the center's supervisor, told *Al-Medina* in a statement published Wednesday. Mishal is also the director of the scientific cooperation program between Riyadh University and Purdue University, Indiana, in the United States.

He said that the center is charged with thoroughly examining the curative qualities of all plants in the Kingdom. Results of further study on those thought able to fight cancer will be announced shortly, he said.

Riyadh University has an agreement with Purdue for joint scientific research between both their faculties of pharmacology.

Mishal said that plants capable of fighting disease were identified by their traditional use or effects on animals, and when analysed they proved to be effective.

Some of the plants were men-

sity graduates, cover analysing some drugs which depend on traditional medicines. It also deals with some poisonous plants and carries out other services like analysing water and food, Mishal said.

The faculty has established the Medical Plants Research Center to support research in the faculty.

The unit's services, in addition to training Saudi Arabian univer-



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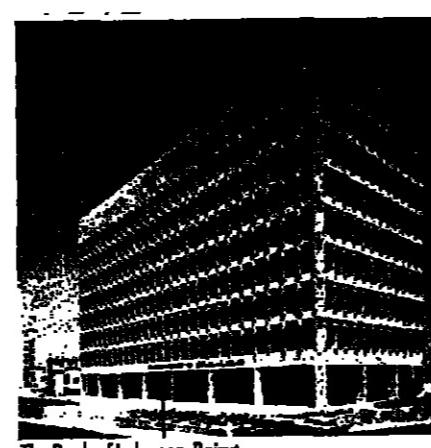
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Gen. Zia ponders steps to deal with student violence

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 19 (UPI) — President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq said Wednesday government is actively considering effective measures for peace, tranquility and a moral atmosphere in the educational institutions.

Speaking to a group of teachers Quaid-e-Azam University in Islamabad, Zia said the government may promulgate new law regulating the working of universities "to solve all such problems."

It was informed that Quaid-e-Azam University has been the scene of student troubles for the past two days.

Three students were injured at university when two rival groups of leftist students clashed with knives and pistols. One had been taken a hostage four hours Monday. The other had refused admission to his higher classes because of poor marks in the examination.

Arre vows to crush boteurs

JIROBL, Dec. 19 (AP) — The Somali government of President Muhammad Siad Barre has set up a commission for the investigation of anti-state sabotaging activities.

Radio Mogadishu, in a broad-monitored here, said the mission would wage "a ruthless campaign against groups which are promoting selfish agitation, tribalism, robbery and anti-state activities."

The radio said the commission's man, Mahmoud Gele Yusuf, reporters in the Somali capital recently groups "have fled and are engaged in a campaign to squander public property."

He warned that anyone "who fails to heed the directives of the nation will be dealt with very severely."



Gen. Zia Ul-Haq

2 Russians said killed in Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 19 (R) — Two Russians were killed in Kabul last week as they toured the city's old bazaar area without an escort, according to travelers who reached Pakistan Tuesday.

They were the latest victims of strong anti-Russian sentiment in the country following the Soviet Union's overt backing of Kabul's left wing government.

The attack on the Russian was the first since President Hafizullah Amin came to power in a palace revolution on Sept. 14 which toppled Nur Muhammad Taraki.

Earlier this year up to 100 Russians were killed during uprisings in Herat and Jalalabad.

Quoting diplomats in Afghanistan, the travelers said there was evidence of an increased Russian presence in the capital. But according to the diplomats there were no visible signs of large-scale Soviet troop movements into the country.

They reported that the number of helicopter gunships at Kabul airport had increased along with new Soviet weapons supplies, coinciding with Amin's major offensive in the last two months against the tribal rebels who are trying to overthrow the government.

In Kabul, apartment blocks which previously remained empty were now occupied by Russians, all in civilian dress.

Estimates on the number of Soviet civilian and military advisers in Afghanistan varied from five to ten thousand, the travelers said.

Israel arrests 15 Arabs in W. Bank

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (AP) — Israeli troops arrested 15 Palestinian youths in the occupied West Bank Tuesday night when they stoned an Israeli bus hours after soldiers used their gas to break up a mourning procession that turned violent.

A military spokesman said youths in Halhoul, 13 miles south of Jerusalem, threw stones at the bus, shattering windows and injuring at least one Israeli woman passenger.

Halhoul Mayor Muhammad Vilhem was taken to a military government headquarters in Hebron for investigation about the incident, Israel radio reported.

Vilhem and other West Bank sources complained that Israeli troops who entered Halhoul to quell the disturbance broke into a local shop, struck two doctors and a religious leader and damaged equipment in the shop.

According to the radio, several armed Israelis on the bus tried to get off to confront the stone throwers, but the driver failed to stop.

The disturbances were sparked by the weekend murders in Cyprus of Palestine Liberation Organization officials Ibrahim Bargieth and Samir Toukan.

About 1,000 Palestinian demonstrators set out Tuesday morning from Halhoul to Beit Omar, a nearby village where Bargieth was born.

As the procession moved along the road, some of the demonstrators stoned passing Israeli vehicles. Troops ordered the demonstrators to disperse, and lobbed tear gas at them.

Israeli news reports claim that Bargieth was the PLO operative in command of commando attacks in the West Bank.

Until Tuesday, the military government in the West Bank appeared to be taking a liberal attitude toward officially banned political activity by the mayors.

But Israeli television reported that the military governor had instructed officials to remind Arab leaders that anti-Israel activism was forbidden.



(AP photo)

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Omani copter crash kills 2 soldiers

MUSCAT, Dec. 19 (AP) — An Omani air force helicopter caught fire and crashed Wednesday in the southern province of Dhofar killing two soldiers and injuring three others, according to an official report. The report said the crash was caused by a technical fault.

Panama mayor warns Shah's foes

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 19 (AP) — Panama City's mayor warned residents against protesting the presence of the ousted Shah on Iran on the nearby Panamanian island of Contadora. A spokesman for the mayor's office said Tuesday that only peaceful demonstrations would be permitted. Some 300 leftist students angered at the Shah's presence on Panamanian soil broke windows at the U.S. embassy here and the government lottery office Tuesday. At the embassy, they hauled down the American flag and dragged it along the ground, shredding it.

Rightist militias free 3 Syrians

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (R) — Three Syrian soldiers, captured by rightist militiamen 12 days ago, have been released, a spokesman for the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) said Wednesday. The men had strayed into the eastern district of Beirut where they were detained by rightist militiamen controlling the area, according to an ADF statement.

Nyerere, Saddam Hussein hold talks

BAGHDAD, Dec. 19 (R) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere held talks with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq Wednesday on the development of relations between the two countries. Nyerere arrived in Baghdad Tuesday for a three-day visit at the head of a team including the foreign and education ministers. The Iraqi News Agency quoted Hussein as saying such meetings were vital for the establishment of strong relations and wider cooperation among developing states.

Israel raises gas by 30 %

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Israel Wednesday raised the price of gasoline by 30 percent following price increases for imported oil and the devaluation of the Israeli pound.

Under an order by the energy ministry high grade 94-octane gasoline will now cost 75 cents a liter and diesel fuel costs 29 cents a liter.

Electricity rates are also expected to go up by 30 per cent in the next few days.

Last month Israel returned to Egypt the Alma oilfields in Sinai, which provided 25 per cent of its fuel requirements and is now totally dependent on imported oil.

Officials have been urging Israelis to save energy, warning that next year's national oil bill could reach \$ 2 billion.

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Leonard Ingrams leaves Riyadh today after five years as an advisor to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency on secondment from Barings Brothers of London and five years as the most important catalyst behind what has become a thriving musical life in Riyadh and Jeddah.

Scientists, mathematicians and bankers often make the best musicians. They see beauty in discipline. A precise man of quiet wit, Ingrams is of this breed. He has worked his musicians mercilessly but because he has given them a pride in their work and seemed so necessary a part of life here it is with as much surprise as sadness that the two cities watch him go.

He is a founder-member of the Riyadh and Jeddah Concert Committees, was for two years conductor of the Hejaz Choral Society (1975 to 1977) and, when he moved to Riyadh in 1978, started a regular Sunday evening of music.

Baton

At the Hejaz Choral Society, safe mixtures of popular songs and light opera had been the staple until Ingrams appeared with his

passion for Monteverdi, Brahms and Peter Warlock. There was opposition in some quarters to this sudden infusion of complex music: "But all the words are foreign," Soon, however, large audiences turned up for concerts which included Purcell's *Come ye Sons of Art* and Handel's *Coronation Anthem for King George II*.

"Sixteenth century four-part motets? Benjamin Britten?", the doubters asked. "Yes, yes," would come the impatient reply, as he would rummage through heaps of

family knew well such leaders of the English musical renaissance between the wars, as Holst and Vaughan Williams. The violin was his first instrument and he played with the National Youth Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall when he was fifteen. Later he studied in Munich before going up to Oxford, where he was a classical scholar.

Viola

Soon after he arrived in Jeddah, Ingrams discovered at an ambas-

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music. "All choirs are the same: they're built out of nothing, you'll do it beautifully on the day."

Violin

Ingrams sang with his local church choir in Chelsea and picked up most of his knowledge from the conductor, John Hoban, who now heads the well-known *Schola di Chiesa*. He was brought up in a house where music was always given first importance. His

sad son's house what was then the only music happening in Jeddah: a cellist and a pianist. They needed a violin player. He took up the instrument. After the ambassador and his wife left in 1976, Ingrams took over what had become regular Monday evenings of music.

In general, Ingrams dislikes being a soloist, preferring the role of conductor. "As long as they can play and above all count," he says, "any group of people can perform."

His work in the Jeddah and later the Riyadh Concert Committees has been at least as important as his private music-making. Early in 1977, he and the pianist John Hill, head of the British Bank, organized the purchase of a grand piano.

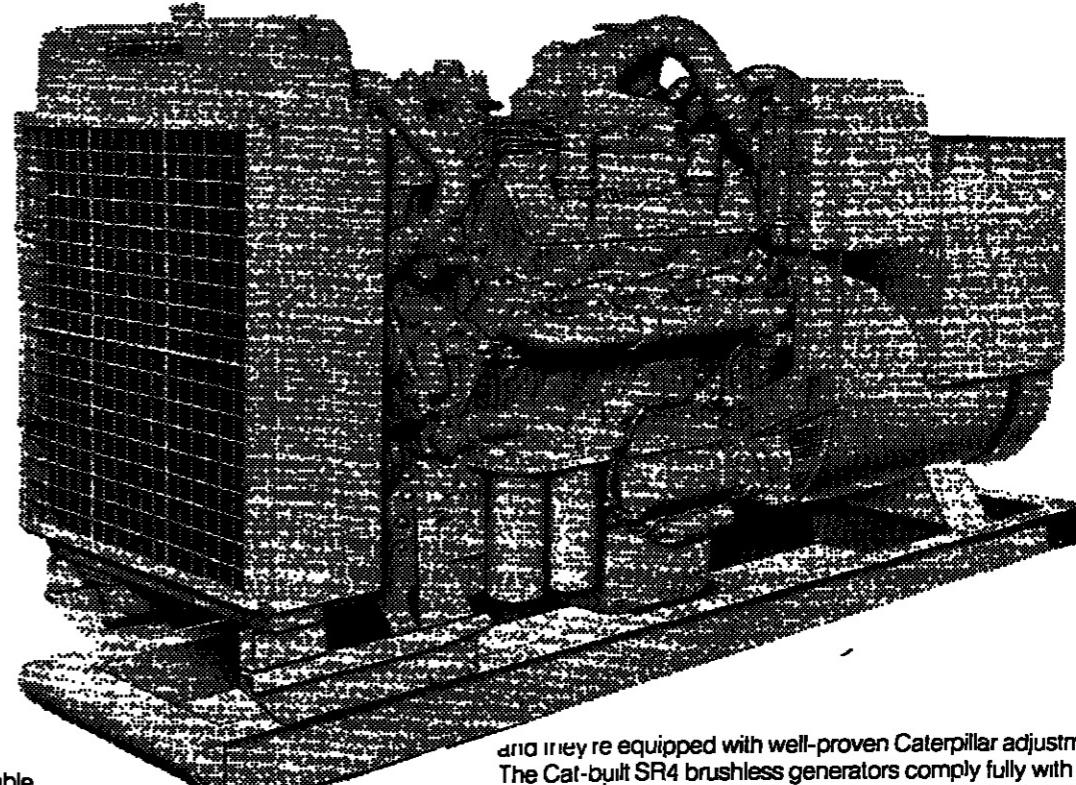
Then Mme Caroline Haffner, a concert pianist, came to town. With the backing of former Ambassador Sir John and Lady Wilton, the last piece fell into place and the Jeddah Concert Committee had an instrument, a stage, and contacts in Europe and the United States. Since those early days, which included a concert with Ingrams playing viola and Mme. Haffner at the piano, the committee has brought Fou Tsong, the Humphrey Lyttelton Jazz Band, the tenor Ian Partidge and many others to Riyadh and Jeddah.

While the Jeddah concerts are held in the British Ambassador's garden, the Riyadh performances have been in Ingrams's own large villa which he and fellow committee members have emptied of furniture and filled with metal chairs and where he has entertained many of the visiting artists.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, Ingrams took his last bow at a carol concert baton in air, now rapping, now imploring his choir: "Come along now alto and soprano, we want a really good discord there — fortissimo."

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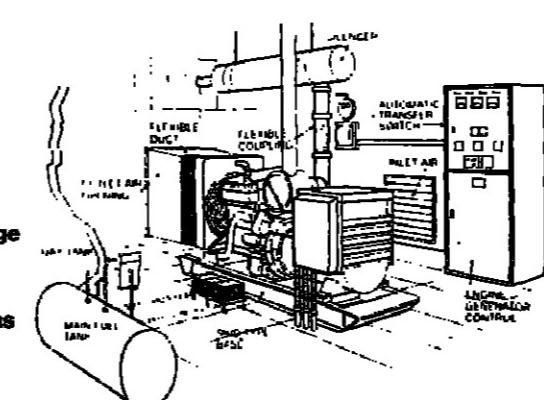
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The Caribbean crisis may be about more than Cuba

By Jeremy Taylor

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD —

It is beginning to dawn on the Caribbean that the sudden discovery by President Jimmy Carter of Soviet combat troops in Cuba may have had less to do with the Cold War and hawkish senators than with energy.

Carter's solution — increased American naval patrols and maneuvers in the Caribbean, a new Caribbean 'task force' at Key West in Florida — were at first seen as sabre-rattling, and as Carter's only way to dump a phoney 'crisis' and placate domestic demands for firm action.

Now it is clear that the result has been a much increased American surveillance of the region. The aim may have been, in the end, to safeguard crucial energy supplies in a region which is shifting markedly leftwards.

There are even fears in the Caribbean that the U.S. may be prepared to intervene to protect its own interests.

Jagjivan Ram and an Indian village -- his own

By Majmud Hasan

CHANDWA, India —

India's most distinguished untouchable, opposition leader Jagjivan Ram, is not the best loved man in his village — a cluster of primitive mud huts surrounding his own very modern house.

Ram, 71, fighting hard to become the country's first Harijan (untouchable) premier, was last in Chandwa in northeastern Bihar state in 1976 when the house was built on the site of his ancestral home.

"We are proud of him. He is the son of the village. But he never cares much for us," complains Nand Lal, who pulls a rickshaw in nearby Arrah town.

Ram's two-storey house in the Harijan quarter of the small village is opened once a year for cleaning.

The house is the only physical change Chandwa has seen since it can remember. The road to the village is brick paved and rutted.

There are no drains. People defecate in the fields at night or before daybreak. But Ram's house had modern sanitation facilities. Electricity has reached the village, but its residents are too poor to afford a connection.

"He has done nothing for us," says Mahadev Ram, the opposition leader's next door neighbor who runs a tiny shop.

Up to a quarter of America's oil supplies have been passing through Caribbean export refineries and trans-shipment terminals. The world's largest refinery is in the region — Amerada Hess's 728,000 barrel-per-day installation in St Croix in the Virgin Islands.

Hess has a 150,000 bpd refinery and trans-shipment terminal under construction in Saint Lucia, which became independent from Britain in February and installed a new left-leaning government in July. There is acute dissatisfaction with the Hess agreement there, not least because the island will receive 4 cents per barrel refined, compared with the 16 cents Trinidad gets from Texaco.

The Trinidad refinery exports to the U.S. as do other major refineries in the Netherlands Antilles, the Bahamas, and the Caymans.

Only Trinidad exports its own oil; Barbados is now producing about a third of its own requirements, and there is intense exploration going on in Guyana, and due to start in Jamaica, Puerto Rico

(which has yet to hold its referendum on independence) and Cuba.

Trinidad, like Venezuela and Mexico, is also sitting on huge reserves of natural gas, causing the U.S. to view it with paternal protectionism. The Caribbean also supplies 65 per cent of America's bauxite and aluminum, and U.S. investment in the region runs to more than \$4 billion.

From Washington, it looks as if all of this can be put at risk as the region is pushed deeper into political and economic crisis by under-development and unemployment, plus the desperate pressure put on island economies by the spiraling price of energy.

Seen in terms of oil politics, it looks as if the region is moving quickly out of the American orbit: the March coup in Grenada, then new leftist governments in Dominica and Saint Lucia — where next? Aid has been quickly stepped up, in the hope of damping down this blazing oil slick; and in Dominica international pressure has been sufficient to get two of the more radical ministers in the

new government fired.

But all this looks very different in the Caribbean itself. There has been sharp criticism of the new American presence. And there is hardly a country in the region, not even the closest friends of the U.S., Barbados and Trinidad, and Tobago, who would countenance direct American intervention.

What are seen in the U.S. as potential Caribbean trouble spots — Grenada and Saint Lucia — are seen in the Caribbean as potential breakthrough points for the sort of political and economic change that has to come in some form or other. Not every Caribbean government shares that view, of course: Port of Spain and Bridgetown are cool, to put it mildly. But it is being asked what function an increased American military presence can have, if not an intervention capability.

And direct military intervention could do more to destroy U.S. energy sources in the region than a dozen new governments friendly with Havana — (OFNS).

The Janata Party hopes Ram will attract the crucial Harijan votes across India, but he is finding it tough holding his people solidly behind him

But a district official says: "Six months ago he was criticizing the state government for not providing means for irrigation."

For Ram, who leads the opposition Janata Party, a severe drought in his constituency has come at the wrong time. The paddy crop has perished. There is not much hope that the winter crop will fare any better.

Thousands of farmers have abandoned homes to work in other districts. Hundreds more are employed on government projects.

"I have never seen a more severe drought since the famine of 1966," recalls Ram Dhari, a small low-caste peasant. "We are eating out of our last year's reserves. God knows what will happen after we finish that."

Ram, who has held eight portfolios including agriculture, had a scheme prepared for a dam in the area eight years ago. But it is yet to be built.

He also has to bear the brunt of widespread resentment against his own Janata Party which rules Bihar. "I have no kerosene to light a lantern. You can't buy sugar... not even salt in the market because it is not there," says Abdul Salim angrily.

Roads have become so unsafe that drivers are advised to keep off them after dark. Hold-ups have become dangerously frequent. Murders are not uncommon.

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There is a perceptible shift in loyalties from him to former Premier Indira Gandhi. Her image as a messiah of the poor and low castes remains undimmed despite her harsh emergency rule which led to her 1977 election defeat.

Mrs. Gandhi's candidate in Sasaram, Maheshwar Paswan, also Harijan but not from Ram's sub-caste, is exploiting the former Janata government's failure to curb caste violence.

Ram was deputy premier in the government when it fell last July.

Sasaram is notorious in Bihar for the violence against Harijans. Last year 13 people were killed and 75 injured in caste riots.

But Ram, who resents being described as a Harijan leader, says: "This is nothing unusual. There are atrocities against Harijans in other areas as well."

"The increase in the outrages is because Harijans have started asserting themselves. There is a greater awakening among them," he adds.

Giyadar Das, a vegetable seller in Sasaram town, says: "Once we did not even have the right to speak. Jagjivan Babu has helped us to find our voices."

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Al-Jazrah wrote editorially that King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd were doing their best to arm and raise the combative capacity of the army and that the best proof of this was King Khaled's assistance at Wednesday's graduation of the fourth combined forces ground.

Commenting on the same subject, *Okaz* said that "Wednesday will be the day of the National Guard and the Armed Forces as the supreme commander (King Khaled) will honor the men who proved their worth in defending their religion and their nation" — a reference to the successful operation at the Holy Haram in Mecca.

It said that Saudi Arabia was "championing the cause of justice and abided scrupulously by the Law of God or Sharia which made it different from all other coun-

tries."

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Al-Bilad said that Wednesday's graduation ceremony confirms what Crown Prince Fahd told the Council of Ministers Monday — "that the Mecca incident will not deter us from strengthening ourselves at home and carrying out our role toward the problems of our nation which role will continue as long as our eternal faith will survive. That role will get bigger and bigger as the challenges to our Arab and Islamic worlds get stronger. the prince added."

The paper said that Wednesday will be "the day of force and devotion" and that "such moderation did not only prompt Saudi

Arabia to increase oil production, but made it insist on that any price increase should be moderate so as not to harm world economy."

It said that "the increase announced a few days ago by Saudi Arabia was none else but the last that had previously been decided for the last quarter of the current year 1979."

Al-Nida lambasted the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* for their report that an American envoy is to visit Saudi Arabia to discuss facilities for U.S. forces in the Middle East. It said that "such reports were only aimed at distorting the image of Saudi Arabia and casting suspicion about it in retaliation for the Kingdom's nationalist stances."

It said that "Saudi Arabia, like the United States itself, had every right to shape its foreign policy according to its own interests and to the requirements of the Arabs' prime cause."



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White House Years

Sadat expels the Soviets (V)

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the Middle East negotiations ground to a halt, Kissinger decided that the attempt to reach a comprehensive settlement should be abandoned and, instead, Egypt and Israel should seek an interim agreement on the Sinai. He describes the gulf between Israel's frontiers as 1967 and says that he began to try to separate the issues of sovereignty and security. Egypt would get the Sinai, Israel would maintain military outposts on the peninsula. Kissinger was pleased that the Soviets were beginning to see by their Arab friends as important, which he virtually told Ambassador Dobrynin in Washington.

Egypt Opens a Secret Channel to the United States

Sadat had visited Moscow in February 1972. Things were not going smoothly between Egypt and the Soviet Union. On April 8, I felt confident enough to advise Nixon that the Soviet-Egyptian relationship was clearly more reserved than in Nasser's time. We understood that Sadat had asked for advanced weapons and Soviet diplomatic and military support on a scale reminiscent of what was extended to India during its conflict with Pakistan, to enable Egypt to build its own arms; he had been given assurances of weapons but no blank check of diplomatic or military support. Egypt was pressuring Moscow, but Moscow had clearly calculated — as we had hoped — that since we had gone to the brink over

Pakistan, a challenge to the survival of Israel would create uncontrollable risks. And the Kremlin did not stand to gain from building up an Egyptian arms industry that would drastically reduce Cairo's dependence on Soviet supplies. I told Nixon my impression was that the Soviets were holding Sadat at arm's length, fearful of the risks of all-out support, and awaiting my talks with Dobrynin. As usual, they wanted everything; Egyptian subservience, minimum risk, and the complete Arab program. But diplomacy rarely works that way: those who grab for everything, who forget that politics is the art of the possible, in the end may lose all.

A more tangible reason for my confidence was that in the first week of April 1972 Egypt had opened a secret channel to the White House.

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Goings-on about town

Jeddah

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Riyadh

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Dhahran

Thursday, Dec. 20 to Thursday, Dec. 27. North African weavings and crafts are on display at the Arab Heritage Gallery in Al Khobar. Prince Saad Street of Pepsi Cola Road next to the Prince Sultan Mosque. Daily 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as well.

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On April 5, a high Egyptian officer told an American official in Cairo that Egypt was dissatisfied with existing diplomatic channels to the United States. In his government's view it was essential to communicate at the Presidential level, bypassing both foreign ministries. The Egyptians suggested that either Helms or I visit Cairo, alternatively, Hafiz Ismail, my opposite number as national security Adviser to President Sadat, might come to Washington. I cannot say that I was shocked or offended by the proposition that both sides bypass the foreign ministers. Indeed, I considered it the precondition of success. When the report of Egyptian approach reached me on April 8, I immediately wrote on it a note to Al Haig, my deputy: "Al: How about Ismail to Washington?"

Yet, preoccupied with the Vietnam offensive and then my forthcoming trip to Moscow, we did not respond immediately. We wanted that combination of insight and courage which marks a great statesman. He had the boldness to go to war no one thought he could sustain: the moderation to move to peace immediately afterward; and the wisdom to reverse attitudes hardened by decades. But in 1972 none of this was apparent. Sadat had made many threats that he had not carried out. In the Jarring negotiations he had been more flexible than his predecessor, but he had apparently not yet renounced Nasser's delusion that he could insist on unfulfillable demands because of the backing of Soviet arms. We had no regular dialogue with him. None of our emissaries had ever managed to penetrate the charming manner to discover what Sadat really thought. Until the secret channel opened in April 1972, most of our serious dealings had been through Moscow. My reaction to this overture, therefore, was largely tactical: to continue to bring home to Sadat the futility of his course while opening a dialogue by which we hoped to change it.

This was also the background to our Moscow summit discussions on the Middle East. Because of Vietnam and SALT preoccupations, these came only at the end of the summit, when, in a long-night session, Gromyko and I worked out some "general working principles" for an overall settlement; their vagueness was bound to raise additional questions in Sadat's mind. The principles were weaker than Resolution 242; they stated that border rectifications were possible (omitting the modifier "minor," which had become sacramental on official documents); the formulations were ambiguous about the extent of intended Israeli with-

drawals. I have never understood why Gromyko accepted them, unless it was exhaustion — after all, he attended even more meetings than I did in Moscow and worked even longer hours. In all events, the principles quickly found their way into the overcrowded limbs of aborted Middle East schemes — as I had intended.

Gromyko and I also agreed on the text of a final communiqué that did not more than urge a peaceful settlement and endorse the Jarring mission; it offered no concrete guidelines for it or any other negotiations.

This bland communiqué was to have historic consequences. It was a "violent shock" to Egypt, Sadat records in his memoirs. It proved to be a decisive blow to his relations with the Soviet Union.

All this time, the Egyptians were being treated to the unnerving experience of our three-tiered diplomacy. They were exchanging messages with us through the secret channel; they were receiving the Soviet version of our summit conversations and my talks with Dobrynin and they were exposed to the regular State Department overtures to win Egypt's agreement to enter the proximity talks. It must have been a bewildering set of procedures, though it left Cairo in a better position to know what messages were being passed than the White House or State. For key State cables were not only not shown to the White House for clearance; so far as I can tell now, records of State talks with key Arabs were not even sent to the White House after the event. We therefore often learned what had been transmitted in State channels only after it had been played back in a reporting telegram from some Arab capital briefed by Cairo. Thus, for example, we did not learn of a secret overture to Cairo for proximity talks until well after the fact, nor did we know of a conversation between Sisco and Prince Sultan of Saudi Arabia in June — in which Sisco sought to engage Sultan's help in persuading Egypt to agree to such talks — until it was mentioned in a report from Riyadh on July 18. Equally, State did not know of our secret to Cairo channel (I doubt that many textbooks on political science will commend these procedures.)

Strangely enough, except for the nervous strain on the participants, our procedures did no damage. Egypt had, after all, initiated the secret White House contact because it had lost confidence in normal diplomatic procedures. And in June, Cairo turned down the State proposal for proximity talks — without, however, significantly reducing State's legendary

an indirect appeal to the Soviets from the shock and to Cairo to develop an ad hoc military option for use in future. Egypt, proclaimed did not want Soviet soldiers in its battles. Egypt had no interest in causing a confrontation with the superpowers. But Egypt had to understand the US-USSR Summit confirmed the sense that nothing was going to happen this year and brought to a head criticism of the Soviet role that had been going on in Cairo even before the summit. Heykal, the influential editor of Al Ahram who favored talks with the US last summer on an interim settlement, began a series of public debates about the Soviet-Egyptian relationship in April.

Sadat was now playing for higher stakes. On July 13, we received an ambiguous message through the secret channel. It reiterated the willingness to send a senior representative to Washington, provided we had something new to propose. In the absence of any different initiative Cairo saw no point in a meeting. The corollary was, of course, that we could produce a high-level Egyptian representative by the simple device of indicating that we were willing to explore new approaches.

Before we could fully assess the implications of this Delphic message came the July 18, 1972, bombshell of Sadat's announcement that he had terminated the mission of the more than 15,000 Soviet military advisers and experts in Egypt. They were to be withdrawn within a week; military installations and equipment set up in Egypt since 1967 were to become Egyptian property.

The decision came as a complete surprise to Washington. (That day I was on my way to Paris for a secret meeting with the North Vietnamese.) To be sure, my strategy had sought to induce Cairo to lessen its reliance on the Soviet Union. I had expected that at some point down the road, Sadat would be prepared to offer to trade Soviet withdrawal for progress with us. But still handicapped by my underestimate of the Egyptian President I never guessed that he would settle the issue with one grand gesture, and unilaterally. My first reaction on hearing the news that he had acted impetuously and foretold an important negotiating asset, for no return. Two days later I prepared a longer and more reflective analysis.

It has been apparent in the last months that the Egyptians have resigned themselves to the fact that

there will be little diplomatic movement on the Arab-Israeli problem this year because of the US elections... Despite this apparently rational calculation, Sadat has faced the dilemma of how to avoid allowing inaction to produce a permanent freeze of the situation... Frustration over the lack of movement on the Arab-Israeli issue has been high in Cairo... The US-USSR Summit confirmed the sense that nothing was going to happen this year and brought to a head criticism of the Soviet role that had been going on in Cairo even before the summit. Heykal, the influential editor of Al Ahram who favored talks with the US last summer on an interim settlement, began a series of public debates about the Soviet-Egyptian relationship in April.

Our friend must know appreciate this. To him, the item might be number five... Hence, the pause will appreciate the battle. Perhaps when Soviet-Egyptian cooperation runs in this field the way it does in the technological field, everything will be wonderful.

Much has been written about the failure of the Union to live up to the principles of restraint to which it pledged itself at the Moscow summit. Of the criticism is valid. But record would be neither complete nor fair without pointing out the Soviet Union paid heavy price in Egypt and throughout the Mideast for its essentially putting Mideast on ice at the summit. In fact, it did not exercise restraint out of altruism. The principal deterrent. The Kremlin assessed that a war risked a confrontation with the US. And the Soviet leadership, needing American grain and support for ratification of German treaties, could not afford generating a crisis in so sensitive an area. But it is precisely a way that a strategy of deposing both risks and incentives encourage Soviet restraint, is posed to work. In 1972, when the United States was fully engaged in Vietnam, the Soviet Union held back from endowing its clients' positions in the Mideast and this decision cost us dearly. Our demonstration of firmness on India-Pakistan on Vietnam (not to mention conflicts in the autumn of 1972) must have convinced the Kremlin that one more crisis would load the circuit. Coupled with our firmness, our conciliatory policy in Moscow and the prospect further moves on trade will produce Soviet restraint.

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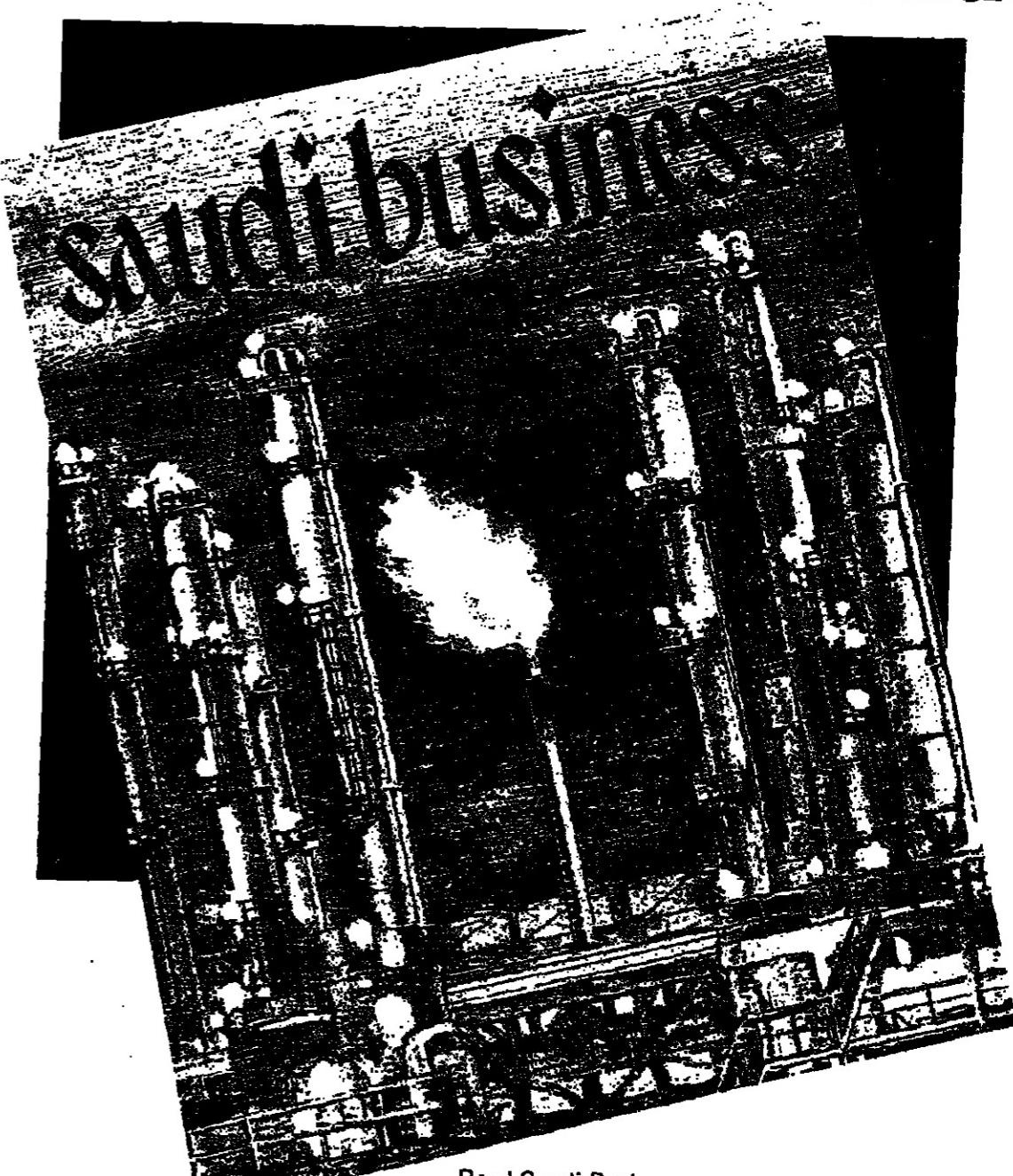
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Carter vows to fight for 5 per cent boost in military spending

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown has told skeptical congressmen that President Jimmy Carter "will do everything he can" next year to win approval of a rise in defense spending of 5 per cent over the rate of inflation. However, several members of the House Armed Services Committee Tuesday remained doubtful, suggesting that the proposed rise was simply a ploy to win Senate ratification of SALT II.

"One of the major problems is credibility," said Rep. Robin Beard (R-Tennessee). Brown told the committee that Carter's proposal, which also calls for a five-year increase in defense spending of 25 per cent above inflation, "will be fully and fairly supported by the administration when it is submitted in January."

The administration unveiled its defense plan last week — one month earlier than usual — in response to demands from pro-military senators who have sought reassessments in defense outlays in

exchange for their support of SALT II.

Senate debate on the U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation treaty is expected to begin early next month.

While being greeted with skepticism by pro-military congressmen, the president's defense spending proposal drew sharp criticism from liberals.

Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-California) attacked the proposed defense budget as "bloated and wasteful," and vowed to tell the nation's mayors how the proposal "will starve the cities" by diverting money from social to military programs.

"President Carter has acquiesced to a militaristic view," Dellums charged. "President Carter has now declared war on our cities and our poor."

Brown responded to Dellums' remarks by contending that defense spending — when inflation is not considered — is smaller than it was in 1963 while non-defense spending has nearly tripled.

In foreign sales

J.S. debates nuclear safety

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — A spokesman for President Jimmy Carter's administration has argued that if the United States fails to curb export of nuclear power that may hurt the environment of other countries, a backlash could drive them to buy from other suppliers.

"We can't impose our own standards," said Michael Gubin, director of the nuclear exports office at the State Department.

His view was sharply challenged by representative Clarence Long,

Maryland Democrat who heads the group on foreign operations in the committee on appropriations.

He said, "the question may be: Should the United States government become involved in ensuring that our nuclear exports are safe? My response is, it is our responsibility because it is our best."

Long cited what he considers inadequacies in the regulation of



Harold Brown

Brown also said increased defense spending is needed if the United States is to maintain military equality with the Soviet Union.

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"We must decide now whether we intend to remain the strongest nation in the world," Brown said.

"Or we must accept now that we will let ourselves slip into inferiority, into a position of weakness in a harsh world where principles unsupported by power are victimized."

A leading Pentagon ally, Rep. Samuel Stratton (D-New York), said he was glad to hear the administration position, but said he remained skeptical of its intention to follow through after the SALT II debate is over.

Engineering at the State University of New York, as saying that the lack of experience at the South Korean agency could be felt, and that it lacked the manpower to set up standards for quality and safety.

Both men were testifying at a hearing of the subcommittee on international economic policy of the foreign affairs committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rome tycoon freed after ransom

ROME, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — An Italian millionaire kidnapped more than three months ago was released unharmed by his captors here Tuesday night after ransom payment of about \$1 million.

Angelo Jacorossi, 43, who with his three brothers runs one of the largest gasoline and domestic fuel supply firms in the Rome region, was snatched by armed men Sept. 11 near his luxury home in the southern part of the city.

Sanjay to run for seat in parliament

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AP) — Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's controversial son Sanjay who is facing trial in more than 10 criminal cases, is concentrating on winning a parliamentary seat rather than on his legal battles.

In a new case filed this week, India's Central Bureau of Investigation charged Sanjay with illegally selling part of a steel allotment meant for his automotive firm to private dealers between 1971-75.

Sanjay wielded enormous clout during his mother's 11-year regime, particularly during the 1975-77 state of emergency. He never held a government or party post but spearheaded a birth control program of forced sterilizations that led to a backlash against his mother's government.

Mrs. Gandhi and Sanjay were defeated during the 1977 election and both are contesting the January 1979 poll from the same constituencies, Rae Bareli and Amethi.

The CBI did not say how much money was involved in the sale of the steel, but the case is the latest in a series involving young Gandhi, who is facing charges of attempted murder, assault and armed robbery. He was convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment last February for his role in the destruction of a film critical of his mother's regime. He is free on bail pending an appeal before the supreme court.

In the case involving attempted murder, a police official claimed Sanjay attacked him with his followers during a May riot in New



Sanjay Gandhi

Delhi. A conviction could mean a life imprisonment sentence.

An official inquiry into Sanjay's automotive firm, Maruti, reported recently that his mother breached government rules to help her son's factory.

Since his candidacy was announced last month, Sanjay has been campaigning almost continuously in Amethi, according to family sources.

(UNESCO), which is based in Paris, to continue work on plans for cooperation and assistance in improving national information and mass communications systems.

The committee is a continuation of the former committee to review United Nations public information policies and activities.

A resolution adopted Tuesday by the assembly requested the committee "to promote the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding."

Such an order, it said would be "based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information."

Another resolution asked the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

with suggestions made by the Chilean delegation.

He said his government and 14 others had suggested that the resolutions include clear provisions on ensuring freedom of information.

The assembly also elected 19 countries Tuesday to the governing council of the U.N. environment program and renewed its stand against marine pollution by oil tankers.

The resolution on marine pollution called for adherence to the 1954 international convention for the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil. Countries which have signed the convention were urged to carry out their obligations and those who have not yet signed it were urged to do so.

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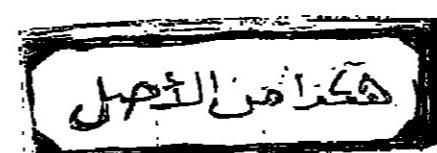
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U.S. citizens group charges**little food reaches Cambodians**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — A fraction of the food and supplies sent to Cambodia is reaching the people, most of whom still face death by starvation and malaria, a citizens commission on

said. Rep. Lindy Boggs, D-Louisiana, one of seven congresswomen who travelled to Southeast Asia last month, said, "The humanitarian virtues of the Thai people in responding to this crisis are to be admired and commended."

Cherne told the House Foreign Affairs Committee's subcommittee on Asia that the Cambodians receiving food live near the country's major cities although most of the nation's 4 million people live in the countryside.

According to some estimates,

million Cambodians face imminent starvation.

Cherne also complained that the severe shortage of doctors in the war-ravaged country has made care for malaria victims nearly impossible. He said only 51 doctors survived the rule of the now-deposed Pol Pot government.

Cherne said that if the Vietnamese-backed Cambodian government will not let in Western doctors, at least it should permit Soviet, East European, Cuban or Third World medical teams to care for the Cambodian people.

The absence of such efforts, Cherne said, has led the commission to conclude that "the Vietnamese government, with the concurrence and perhaps the encouragement of the Soviet Union, has adopted a conscious policy of withholding adequate relief from the Cambodian people."

Cherne added that the remnants of the Pol Pot forces have retreated into an isolated mountain area and no longer provide an adequate reason for the new Cambodian government to withhold aid for fear it might fall into enemy hands.

He also said many recent Cambodian refugees arriving in Thailand are coming from eastern provinces, meaning they crossed the entire country.

Ali to train young boxers in China for '84 Olympics

PEKING, Dec. 19 (AP) — Deputy Premier Deng Xiaoping told retired world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali Wednesday that he can return to China to train young boxers for the 1984 Olympics.

"He made me the official representative of the Chinese Boxing Federation," Ali told reporters later.

"He said I can bring boxing to China, get boxing equipment and bring in boxers to put on an exhibition and just educate and train the boys for the 1984 Olympics," Ali said.

Ali met Deng for 20 minutes in the Great Hall of the People.

They only discussed boxing,

Mine fault cancels insulated space flight

E CANAVERAL, Dec. 19 (AP) — The launch of the U.S. space shuttle Columbia went off on Tuesday, but the flight off minutes later after initial failures.

Backup crew members air force Captains Richard Truly in the cockpit was executed at 4:30 p.m. ET.

Minutes later, the failed to get the correct simulated separation of rocket boosters, and utes and 50 seconds into there was no signal indicating successful separation of fuel tank.

It was then cancelled and left the cockpit. There immediate word on when would be tried again.

Space Center in Dick Young said the appeared to be the failure followed in the liftoff Monday. Astronauts had been to go through simulation into orbit — a procedure 45 minutes and 34 sec-

Czechoslovak court hears trials of jailed activists

IA, Dec. 19 (AP) — A court was to hear appeals from four of six human rights activists convicted in of subversive activities, sources here said.

Its said 300 supporters had signed a petition to Supreme Court President Jojcarova demanding be freed.

Appealing their conviction playwright Vacan was sentenced to 4½ years in the two-day trial Oct. 23.

Other defendants, including a suspended sentence, appeal. Under Czechoslovak law, a defendant who loses an appeal can receive an even stiffer sentence.

All six were members of a human rights group calling itself the Committee to Defend the Unjustly Prosecuted. The group tried to provide publicity and other help for jailed dissidents.

They were accused of working with foreigners to create propaganda hostile to Czechoslovakia.

The six were among committee members arrested in crackdown raids May 29. They were held in jail until their trial, which was closed to all but family members and held in a closely guarded courthouse.

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Vietnam warns Thais**Mrs. Carter hit over Cambodia**

PEKING, Dec. 19 (AP) — Vietnamese Vice Foreign Minister Dinh Nho Liem Wednesday accused Rosalynn Carter of using aid to Cambodian refugees to advance her husband's campaign for the U.S. presidency.

He said this in a news conference after the 15th inconclusive Sino-Vietnamese peace talk meeting here.

Pressed later to say how Mrs. Carter was doing so, Dinh said she had used her recent visit to Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand to give the image of President Jimmy Carter as a humane man.

"But the most human action would be to eliminate Pol Pot's regime, one guilty of the worst kind of genocide," he said.

Deng told Ali that China is "worthy to be a friend" and said it is easy for the people of the United States and China to be friends.

Later Ali went to the Peking Friendship Store the foreign community shops. He was immediately surrounded by children and adults, mostly from Africa and Asia.

He threw a few playful punches with 7-year-old Norman Hasan of Pakistan, who later said, "Oh, he's so good."

Ali was to leave Peking at 9 p.m. on a chartered plane for Canton, then return to Hong Kong Friday. He was to tour a refugee camp Saturday.

Earlier Chinese sports officials told Ali that China would be taking part in some future boxing events.

Ali, who arrived Wednesday morning for a 9½-hour visit, offered during lunch with Chinese Olympics and sports officials to make a gift of boxing equipment. He also said he would like to return next year with his own gloves.

Chinese officials were pleased with the suggestion.

Boxing has not seriously been practiced in China since 1956 because of official disapproval, if not outright ban. But a variation of boxing is incorporated in traditional Chinese combat sports.

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Soviet atomic expert hints at concern over hazards from plants

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (AP) —

The head of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has disclosed two episodes in which special scientific panels had been set up to investigate public complaints about health hazards of nuclear energy in the Soviet Union.

Academy President Anatoly Alexandrov Tuesday claimed that in both cases the complaints alleging increased rates of cancer and other illnesses were found to be scientifically baseless.

However, his mentioning the incidents during a new conference appeared to be another step in a recently emerging Soviet trend toward greater frankness in discussing the potential hazards of nuclear power.

In the past, Soviet scientists have been known to express privately their own misgivings over atomic energy. There is nothing here resembling an organized, public anti-nuclear lobby.

Soviet officials and the government-controlled news media have tended to ascribe the anti-nuclear movement in the West to misinformed hysteria or machinations by oil monopolies worried about a possible threat to their profits.

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He sought to downplay the significance of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident in the United States, asserting that a U.S. presidential commission found "nothing formidable, nothing complicated happened from the viewpoint of effects on the environment or people."

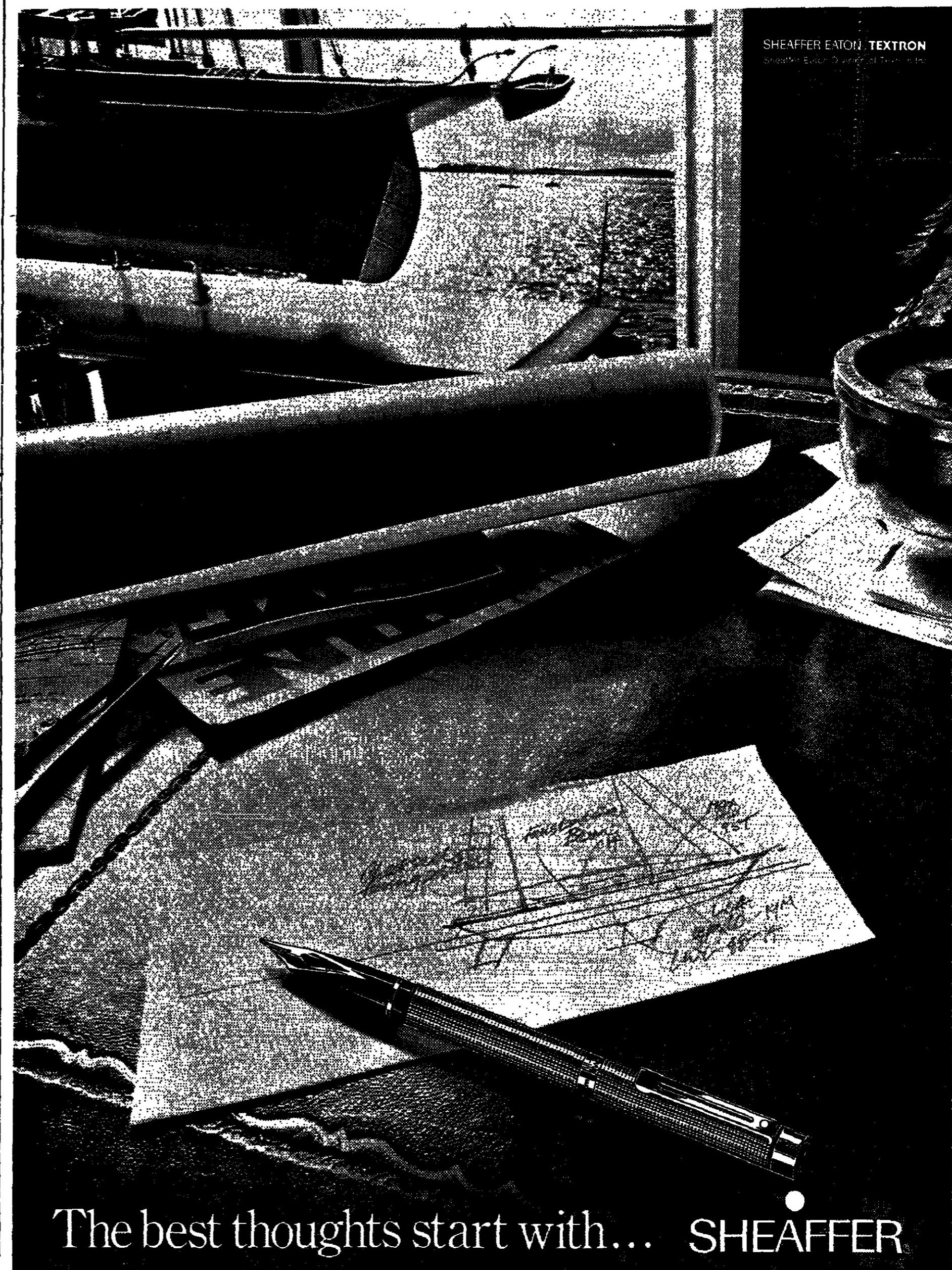
Alexandrov said that one past incident of public concern over nuclear power in the Soviet Union had focused on construction of an atomic plant in the early 1960s near Voronezh, about 600 kilometers south of Moscow.

Six soldiers die in Thailand after copter crashes

BANGKOK, Dec. 19 (AP) — Six Thai troopers were killed Monday when their helicopter crashed into a mountain, a military spokesman said Wednesday.

The helicopter flew from Songkhla Province to a southern mountain district after receiving a distress call that one officer was wounded by a land mine while a team of officials was surveying the Thai-Malaysian border.

The spokesman said the helicopter could not land because of the difficult terrain and darkness of the night. Two of the troopers climbed down a rope ladder to rescue the wounded. As the copter headed to their airbase, however, it developed engine trouble and crashed onto the rugged mountain.



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Bank of England bulletin**Britons heading for recession**

LONDON, Dec. 19 (R) — Britons were warned Wednesday night that they are headed for a recession next year, the recovery from which depends on whether they can conquer inflation.

The Bank of England quarterly bulletin said economic expansion in Britain had flattened out and was likely to give way to recession.

It predicted that gross domestic product would decline in 1980 and that a recovery might set in by the end of 1981.

Whether that recovery was vigorous or limited would depend very much on the extent to which inflation had by then been reduced and productivity improved, the bulletin said.

The bank's report is part of a series of economic pronouncements being made about Britain at present, with productivity stagnating and inflation running at 17.2 per cent, one of the highest annual inflation rates among the indus-

trial democracies.

Britons face the possibility of another winter of industrial unrest, with trade unions trying to protect their members against inflation by having high pay demands.

Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, attempting to reawaken the British economy by a return to free enterprise and less government control, has had to raise interest rates — hitting the borrowings of home buyers — in order to contain the money supply. Mrs. Thatcher's popularity have recently fallen behind those of the Labor opposition which her party overthrew in last spring's election.

But the Bank of England's bulletin is less depressing than some other economic forecasts. Although it expects the economy to contract by between one and two per cent in 1980, it sees only what it describes as a

modest rise in inflation in the months ahead, and argues that the trade figures could be in balance next year.

It says the recession could be short-lived — "likely to cause a sharp dip, not a continued downward slide, in activity."

House okays \$3.43b aid for Chrysler

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — A \$3.43 billion aid package for the ailing Chrysler Corp., including \$1.5 billion in government loan guarantees, won the approval of the House of Representatives Tuesday night.

The aid package, which must also win Senate approval, passed the House on a 271-136 vote.

The formula approved was a substitute for the Carter administration's proposal of \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees and an equal amount from other sources, with no specific amount of wage concessions.

The House formula calls for \$400 million in wage concessions from hourly wage earners and \$100 million in wage concessions from white collar workers.

It also would require the automaker to come up with \$650 million in bank loans, \$300 million from the sale of Chrysler assets, \$250 million from state and local governments, \$180 million from suppliers and dealers and \$50 million from the sale of newly issued stock.

The House rejected by a vote of 295-114 a motion designed to add to the bill a three-year wage freeze bitterly opposed by the United Auto Workers, which represents the bulk of Chrysler's 113,000 employees.

Backers of the aid measure said it was needed to prevent a Chrysler bankruptcy that would throw at least 360,000 employees of Chrysler and its dealers and suppliers out of work.



PRESS CONFERENCE: Willy Brandt, former Chancellor of West Germany, addressing the press conference after the ICIDI (Independent Commission on International Development Issues) meeting held during the week-end. Edward Heath, former British Premier, is seen in the center and Katharine Graham of America at left.

Keen competition**Georges Bank oil rights bid upon**

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Dec. 19 (AP) — The U.S. Interior Department received bids Tuesday on 73 of 116 offshore oil and natural gas leases as the much-delayed sale of Georges Bank drilling rights got under way.

The sale, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., was delayed when U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan requested time to study a last-minute bid by the state of Massachusetts and environmentalists to halt the auction.

Brennan rejected the challenge from Massachusetts attorney general Francis X. Bellotti and the Conservation Law Foundation, who contended drilling might harm the area's rich fishing grounds.

The sale originally was set for Jan. 28, 1978, but was blocked by a federal judge on environmental grounds.

In Providence, meanwhile, oil companies started submitting bids

Monday afternoon for the still available tracts in the Georges Bank. The tracts, each 23 square kilometers in size, are located 100 to 240 kilometers off Cape Cod. Federal geologists estimate the

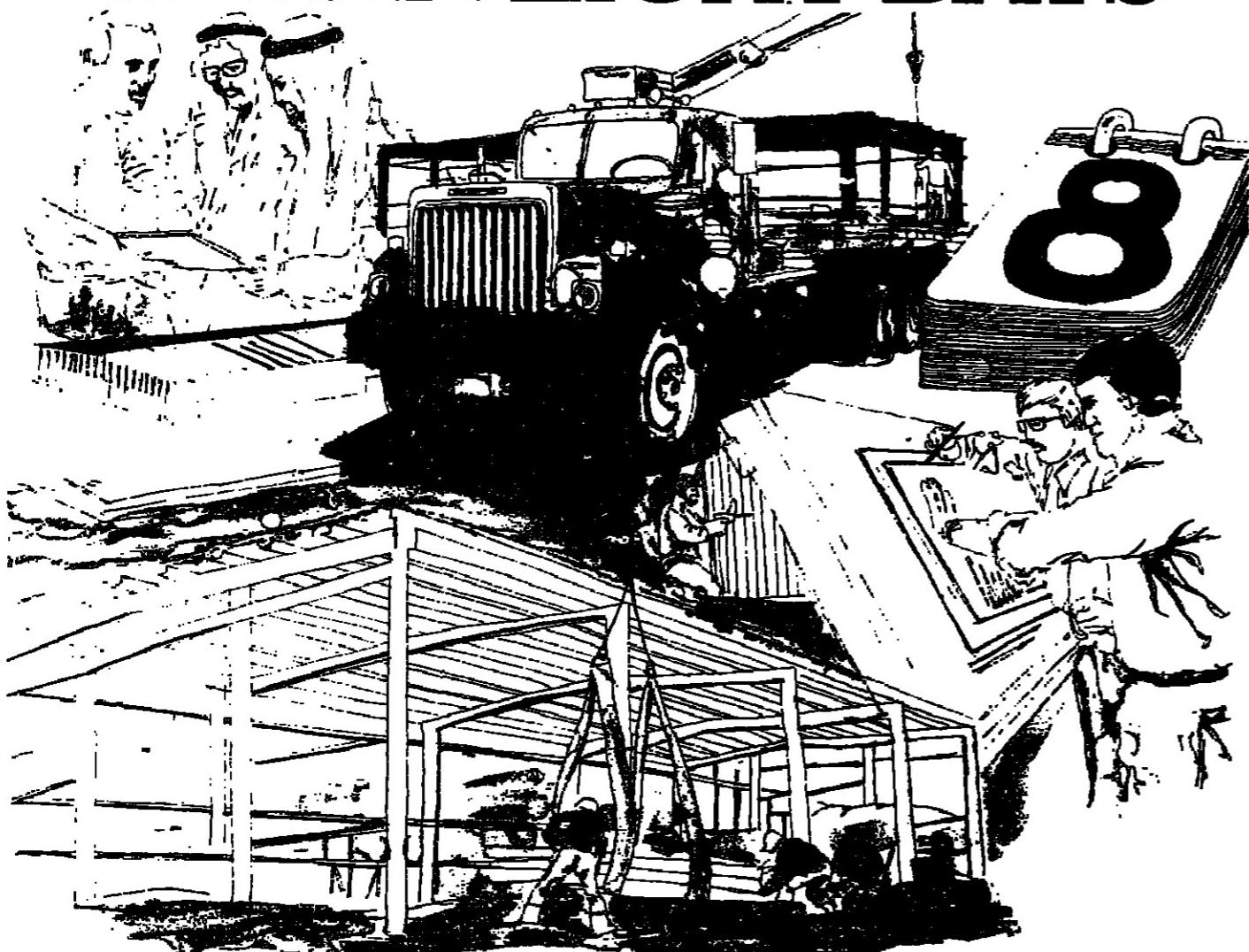
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" "	Construction of the seventh instalment of ordinary schools	200	Jan. 15	
Municipality of Al-Omran	Supply of insecticides and other chemical materials	99/1400	500	Jan. 8
Directorate of the National Guard	Additions to the shooting ranges in Bahra, Western Province	19-99/400	300	Jan. 1
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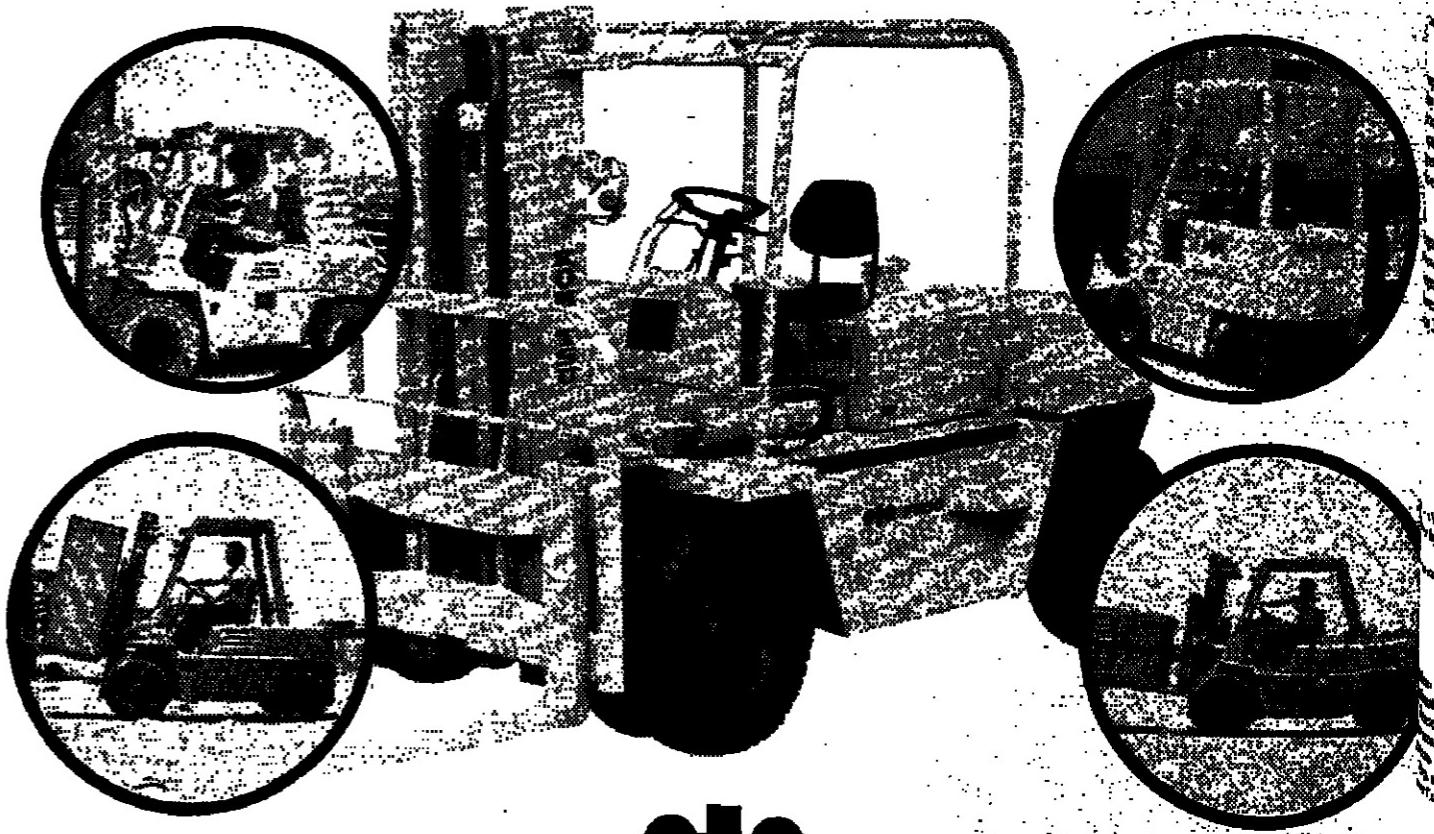


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Australia defeats England in Test

PERTH, Dec. 19 (R) — Australia beat England by 138 runs in the first Test with an hour to spare Wednesday, despite a brave 99 not out by England's veteran opening batsman Geoff Boycott.

Boycott, 99 batted with a skill Brearley keeps souvenir coin

PERTH, Dec. 19 (AP) — England cricket team captain Mike Brearley intends to keep the special gold coin he was given after winning the toss in the first Test against Australia.

The coin, donated by the Gold and Silver Bullion Sales of Australia, was worth about \$700 for its gold content alone, but Brearley has already refused an offer of \$1,000, saying he would keep the coin.



PACE: Australia's Dennis Lillee bowls in the second day of the first Test in Perth. Fielder Jeff Thomson and England's Mike Brearley, poised to run, watch.

After vote to cut ties

British ban saddens Kenyan rugby union

NAIROBI, Dec. 19 (R) — The Rugby Football Union of East Africa (RFUEA) said it was saddened at the decision by the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) to put a ban on African sporting relations with Britain.

Brian Vills, a RFUEA official, said the RFUEA would wait for word from the Kenya National Sports Council (KNSC) before

Holmes, Tate to defend separate titles in March

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — Larry Holmes and John Tate, the two world heavyweight champions, will both defend their separate titles March 31.

Tuesday sources close to the two fighters said Holmes would defend the World Boxing Council title against Leroy Jones of Denver and Tate would defend the World Boxing Association championship against Mike Weaver of Los Angeles.

Holmes and Tate were

cancelling all Kenyan tours by British rugby sides, a main feature of Anglo-Kenyan sporting exchanges, scheduled for next year.

The SCSA passed a resolution at its general assembly in Yaounde Monday night for the ending of links between its 48 member states and Britain because of British relations with South African

sports.

The KNSC will put the decision into effect after meeting on Friday to study a report from its Yaounde delegation, said Council Chairman Charles Mukora.

Mukora had expected the SCSA's endorsement of a total African participation in the Moscow Olympics next year, with the warning that it would seek the exclusion of Britain from the Games if the British Lions rugby union team toured South Africa next year.

"This other step against Britain takes me by surprise. I have to wait for our delegation's briefing on the matter," Mukora said.

It was learned that a third fight would be part of the program. A middleweight championship defense by Vito Antufermo of Italy against Alan Minter of Britain has been mentioned as the third fight, but one informant said that was not 100 per cent certain.

Holmes is scheduled to defend his title against Italian Lorenzo Zanon Feb. 3 in Las Vegas.

tour South Africa in 1974.

Mills said his organization would again advocate the resumption of relations with British rugby in case the KNSC decided to confine the ban to their sport.

After the Kenyan lifting of the ban in February this year, two British club sides toured the country.

In Midwest Division

Kings take slice of lead

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Dec. 19 (AP) — The Kansas City Kings posted their seventh straight victory Tuesday night to regain a share of the lead. They beat the San Diego Clippers 110-96 to move into a tie with Milwaukee atop the National Basketball Association's Midwest Division at 20-14. The Bucks were idle Tuesday.

Scott Wedman scored 26 points for Kansas City, which got off to a 5-11 start but has since won 15 of 18 games.

In other NBA games Tuesday night, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Chicago Bulls 129-118, the New York Knicks edged the Atlanta Hawks 111-99, the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the Detroit Pistons 114-102 and the Utah Jazz trimmed the Cleveland Cavaliers 105-103.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 18 of his season-high 39 points as the Lakers pulled away from Chicago for their seventh victory in the last eight games.

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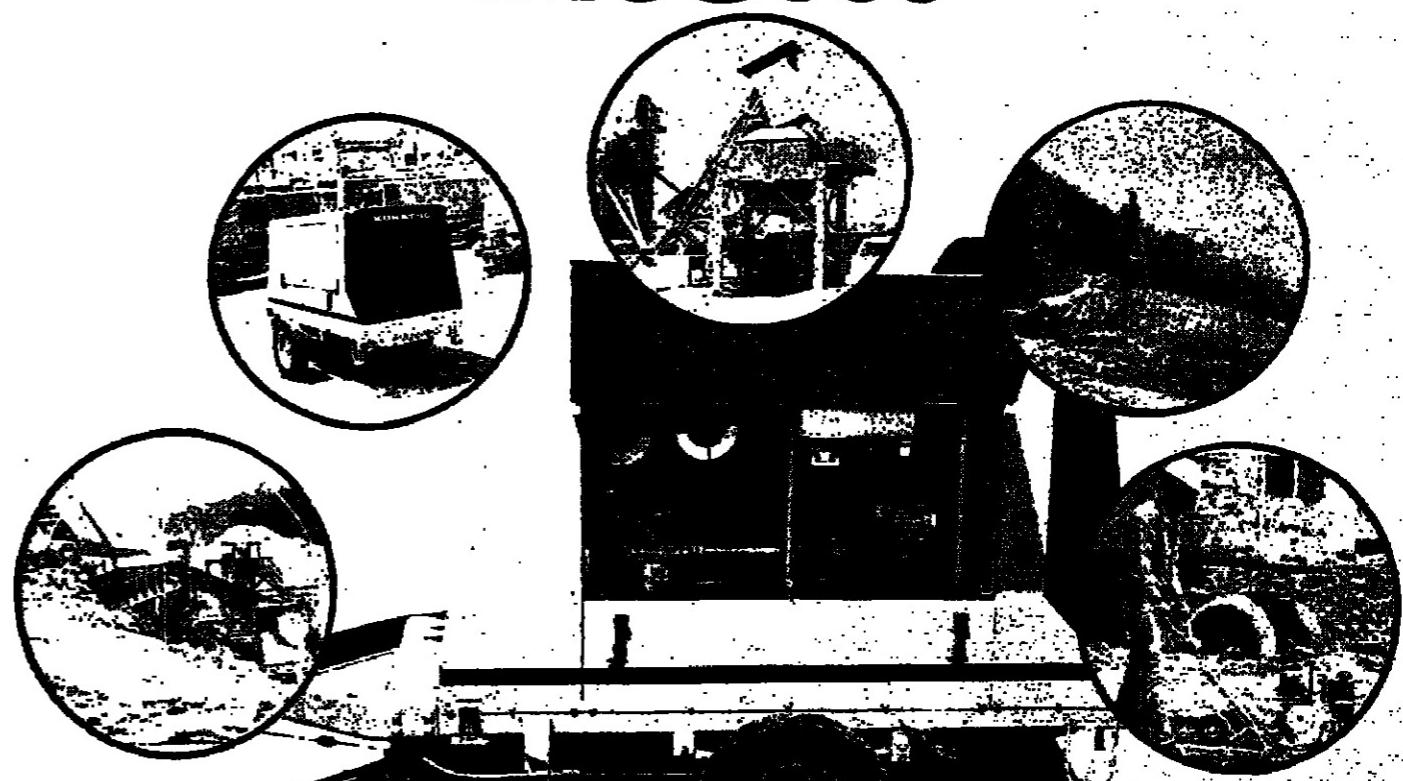
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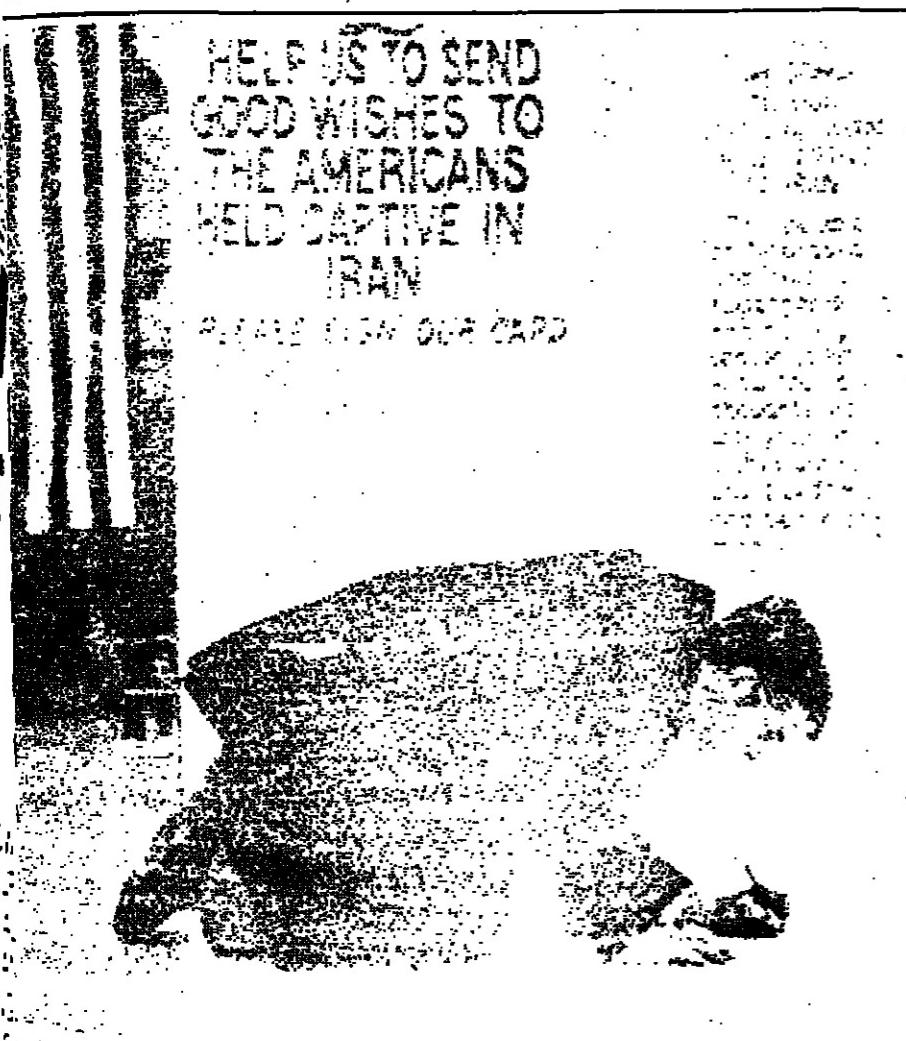
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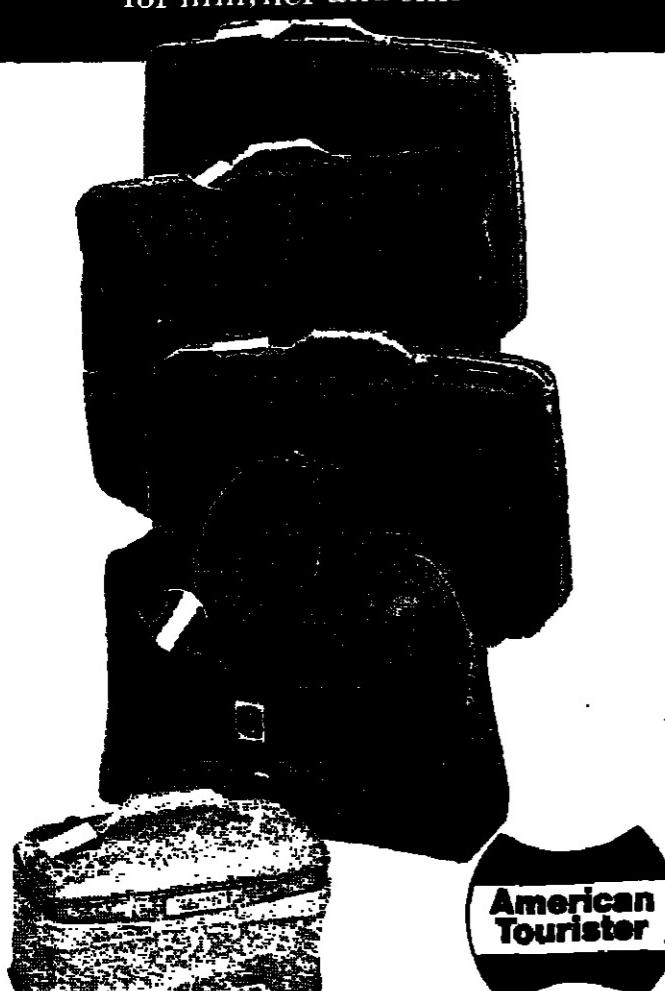
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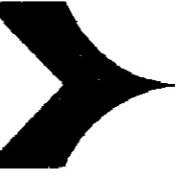
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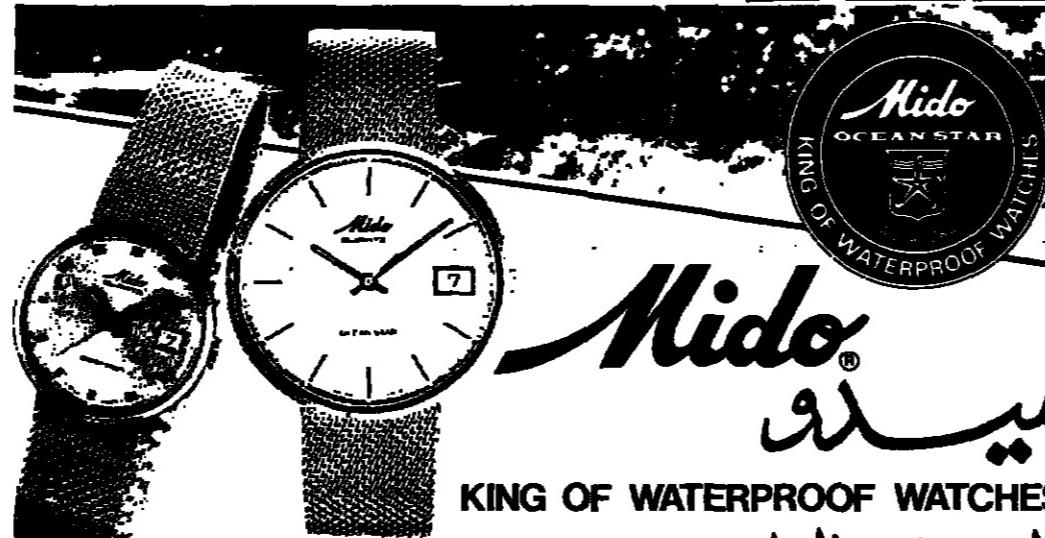
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On The Loose

By Michael J. Hall

Here's hoping that the cool weather continues to hold in Jeddah at least through the Western holiday season, and preferably for a month or so beyond. What we've had so far has been great, especially compared to what I remember of last year, when the mercury seemed incapable of dipping below 90 on any given day.

The good weather — mild breezes and all — has been with us for almost a month now, and lately I've seen such strange sights as folks going around in sweaters, jackets and other items of clothing not normally associated with Saudi Arabia.

I'm told there's been a run on such things as clothing stores here, though travelers from Riyadh and other cooler parts of the Kingdom don't have to worry, and have even appeared getting off planes at the airport with smug smiles firmly in place.

There is a drawback to the cool, though, and it's a topic I mentioned here several weeks ago. Mosquitos, and more mosquitos.

Get one under the sheet at night and you're liable to think you've come down with the measles when you wake up. At least that's been my experience. There are bites on parts of my body I didn't know I had. And in that hollow in the small of your back where it's impossible to reach ... enough said.

But all that will soon be figuratively, as well as literally behind me. Leaving Saturday for some skiing and visiting in the U.S. But insects still haunt me. Do you suppose that while I've been here the moths have eaten all my winter clothes?

Why wasn't I there department? Dick Vaa-gstroem of Umea, Sweden, must have the touch. He pulled into his favorite parking lot, put a crw into the automatic ticket machine, and hit the jackpot.

The machine didn't give him the parking ticket, but it did rain out about 800 crowns (\$200) in coins. Vaa-gstroem said passersby filled their pockets with the coins before police arrived.

He didn't say if he was among them. Nor was there any word on what went wrong with

the machine....

But wealth comes in a lot of strange ways. Gov. Durant of London spent 100 pounds having a carpet laid in his jewelry workshop years go. Last week he burned it.

It wasn't that he didn't like the carpet. It had done its work well over the years. But gold dust had filtered down during the past decade, so that eventually 150 ounces had lodged itself inside the threads.

At today's prices of more than \$450 an ounce, that came to 31,000 pounds (\$68,000) when the carpet was melted down.

Durant admits that most jewelry workshops have plastic floors instead of carpets. But he says he thought the idea of a rug lent a touch of elegance to his workshop when he had it installed.

Now, he's convinced of that, and more. A new carpet will soon replace the old. "Why not?" he asked. "It's a good investment."

And I hear from Salisbury that British troops in Rhodesia to monitor the pending ceasefire have suffered their first casualty, and at the least their efforts have met with a setback.

Let me hasten to say it's not diplomatic, and it probably won't really affect the progress of peace in the rebel colony.

But the British no longer have their fancy new headquarters sign, after only two days in place. Sources there say the culprits are probably Rhodesian army soldiers who made off with the sign to install it in a mess hall.

From Russia comes the story of the coal miners complaint. Workers at the Ukrainian Donbas coal fields are angry because they say their work is all for naught.

They complain that at least two million tons a year of the fuel are wasted when it spills out of old railroad cars used to transport it.

"This means that two of our mines are working purely for the sake of spreading coal all over the railway tracks," said a miner.

The miners reckon that carrying coal in wagons like this is about as much use as carrying water in a sieve," another added.

At least they finally noticed. So much for "socialist realism."

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International

Thatcher lauds Rhodesia peace

Muzorewa delays signing ceremony

at Lancaster House where the peace talks took place since Sept. 10.

In New York British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Tuesday that the Rhodesian peace agreement has opened the prospect of ending the isolation of South Africa in world affairs.

In a speech to the Foreign Policy Association, Mrs. Thatcher said, "There is now a real prospect that the conflicts on South Africa's borders, with Rhodesia and Namibia, will shortly be ended."

This combined with welcome initiatives in South African domestic policies offer a chance to defuse a regional crisis...and to make progress towards an ending of the isolation of South Africa in world affairs."

In her speech Mrs. Thatcher warned that the 1980s would be a dangerous decade and called on the West to reach an agreement with oil-producing countries that would benefit both.

In her third major foreign policy speech in three months, she also continued her criticism of Iran for holding Americans hostage at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

"Nothing can excuse the treatment they have received," she said. She added, in what a spokesman said was a general comment not specifically aimed at Iran:

"Those who seek to stir up trouble, whether in an effort to impose their own ideological theories or in a spirit of simple opportunism, will sooner or later have to pay a heavy price for their irresponsibility."

Mrs. Thatcher said she supported arms control measures, but warned that the Russians have yet to repudiate Lenin's warning that Communism and capitalism cannot live side by side.

"The Soviet government has not repudiated this threatening prediction. Indeed, they broadcast their ambitions wholesale. They should not be surprised if we listen and take note," she said.

She added, "We can argue about Soviet motives. But the fact is that the Russians have weapons and are getting more of them. It is simple prudence for the West to respond. We in Britain intend to do that to the best of our ability..."



Abel Muzorewa

the concessions they made to Nkomo and Mugabe were cleared in advance with Muzorewa's colleagues in London, who last Saturday initiated the peace settlement.

It was this that led British authorities to speculate that Muzorewa's display of stubbornness was intended as a political demonstration which might be useful to him in the coming electoral contest against the Patriotic Front.

The signing ceremony, which Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington is due attend with Nkomo, Mugabe and Muzorewa, is to be held

Support for hostages

U.S. celebrates 'Unity Day'

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — Christmas cards by the thousands were addressed to the U.S. embassy in Tehran, flags reserved for special holidays were run up their poles and one city came to a halt for 50 seconds.

Frustrated Americans on Tuesday heeded the president's call for a National Unity Day in support of the hostages spending their 45th day of captivity at the U.S. embassy in Iran.

"America is as unified today as it has been at any time since World War II," said Vice President Walter Mondale as he arrived at the airport in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

At stores in at least 100 towns and cities across the nation, thousands lined up for a half-million Christmas cards given free by

merchants to send to the hostages at 260 Takht Jamshid Avenue, Tehran, Iran. The senders had to pay for the postage, which came to 31 cents. Pens, writing tables, stamp machines and mail bags were provided in many stores and the cards were mailed on the spot.

"The thing that has surprised me so much is

the time people spend writing in the cards,"

said Pat Stephenson, of merchant's association in Lincoln, Nebraska.

While a number of communities held vigils

and prayer services, the city of Huntington, West Virginia, shut down for 58 seconds at noon as it will each day this week.



(Courtesy Press Photo)

Is London all wet?

Floods threaten Piccadilly

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP) — "We have all the ingredients of the worst disaster to hit London since the black death plague of the 14th century," says Stanley Bolton, chairman of the Public Services and Safety Committee.

"The flood now facing London would be the greatest natural disaster this country has ever faced. It would achieve in one night what months of Nazi bombing failed to do in World War II," says city official Peter Black.

It sounds like the plot of a disaster movie. But the flood threat to London is real, immediate and massive, according to officials of the Greater London Council. Not normally outspoken men, they resort to apocalyptic terms to describe it.

In a worst-case scenario, emergency plans envision billions of tons of muddy, debris-strewn water from the River Thames inundating 45 square miles of London, threatening 2.25 million lives and cutting the city in half.

All that is needed to release watery chaos is the right combination of weather and tides from the North Sea. The chances of the worst happening are put at 1 in 70.

In such a case, the water would pour into the subway system, drowning 50 stations and clogging the tunnels with silt. Fifteen power stations, 35 hospitals, 20 fire stations, seven ambulance depots and two main above-ground railroad stations would also be paralyzed.

Sewage from four treatment plants and filth from drains would back up in the pipes, threatening typhoid. Communications, gas and water works would also be knocked out.

Housing projects on the Isle of Dogs would stand in eight feet of water. The houses of Parliament and 10 Downing St. further upstream would be under three feet. On higher ground, the water would lap at the gates of Buckingham Palace.

Right now — December — is one of the likeliest times the disaster could occur, causing damage estimated at 3.5 billion pounds, around \$7.7 billion.

Until the world's biggest movable flood barrier is completed across the Thames at Woolwich, 12 miles downstream from the city center, only luck holds back the water.

But work on the barrier, begun in 1974, is three years behind schedule and is now not expected to be finished until the end of 1982.

Until then, says Sir Herman Bondi, chief scientist at the Department of Energy who first suggested the barrier in 1967, the chances of catastrophe are 1.4 per cent. Risk of lesser flooding is nearly six per cent or 1 in 17, he says.

London has been flooded before in 1099, in 1236 — when a chronicler wrote that "in the great palace of Westminster men did row with wherries on the midst of the hall" — in 1665 and in 1928.

In 1953 the city narrowly avoided the sort of disaster Bondi fears now. East Coast sea defenses gave way, letting in the floods that otherwise would have surged up the Thames. More than 300 people died and 52,000 people lost their homes.

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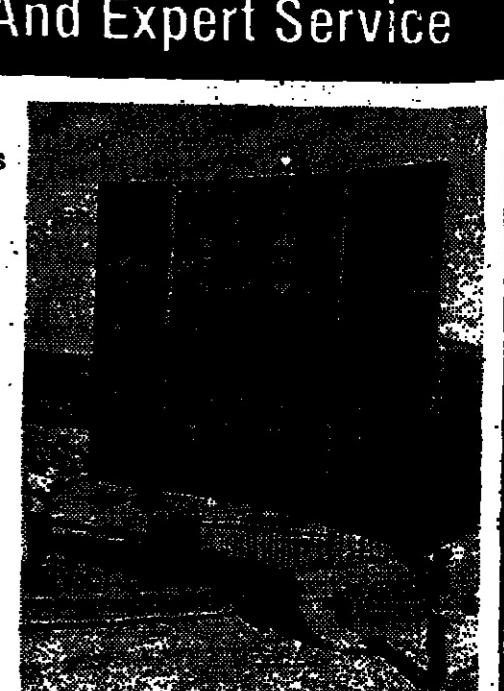
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